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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, please amend above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs at page 1, 2, 8, and 12 with rewritten paragraphs shown in the attachment labeled "Marked Up Paragraphs". A clean version of the rewritten paragraphs is also enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-9 and 11. Furthermore, please add new claims 14-16. Amended claims are shown in the attachment labeled "Marked Up Copy of Claims". A clean version of the amended claims and new claims is also enclosed.